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EVANGELICAL JOURNEY: EXPERIENCING YOUR FAITH IN THE LAND OF THE BIBLE

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Tel Megiddo, site of the future final battle
- Visit Nazareth and explore Nazareth Village
- Visit the Mount of Beatitudes and tour the remains of Capernaum
- Climb the ramparts of the walls of Jerusalem
- Visit the Qumran Caves where the Dead Sea scrolls were discovered
- See the ancient Jesus Boat
- Visit the Golan including Banias and Katzrin
- Visit the Church of the Nativity and Shepherd's Field
- Explore Masada

- Float in the Dead Sea
- Celebrate your baptism or rebaptism at the Yardenit Baptismal site in the Jordan River
- Visit the Western Wall, the Southern Wall excavations and the Temple Mount
- Ride a camel
- Take a tour of the City of David
- Visit Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial
- Take communion at the Garden Tomb

Includes sufficient time to reflect and say devotionals throughout your Journey in the Holy Land, and to truly connect to the Land of the Bible.

DAY 1: DEPARTURE

Depart USA to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv

DAY 2: ARRIVE IN THE HOLY LAND – THE GALILEE

Welcome to Israel! Your tour guide will meet you at Ben Gurion Airport. After passport control your guide will escort you through customs where you will meet the bus driver, who will take you to your first destination: the Galilee.

We follow the route of the ancient Via Maris and get a sense of the geography and topography of the land of Jesus. Arrive at our hotel near the Sea of Galilee for a celebratory Welcome Dinner. Overnight: Tiberius/North (D)

DAY 3: NAZARETH, TEL MEGIDDO AND THE CARMEL

Enjoy a hearty breakfast before we drive via Cana to visit Nazareth Village, where we will see many of the cultural references and realities from the Bible. We will visit the Nazareth Baptist School (NBS), view the Church of the Annunciation and Mary's Well. We will continue to the site of Tel Megiddo, "Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon" (Rev.16:16). Here we view the archaeological remains of this historical site and location of

the future final battle. We visit the Muchraka, the traditional site of Elijah's famous battle of faith against the prophets of Ba'al. We end the day with a view of the Baha'i Temple and Gardens in Haifa. Return to hotel for dinner.

Overnight: Tiberius/North (B, D)

DAY 4: THE BANIAS, GOLAN HEIGHTS AND KATZRIN

After breakfast, we travel to northern Israel to the tributaries of the Jordan River. Our first stop is Tel Dan where we view the biblical city of Dan. We continue to the Banias where we will see the remains of the pagan site at which Jesus declared, "...that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18).

From the Banias we climb the Golan Heights. When we reach Kibbutz El-Rom, we'll watch the powerful short film "Oz 77" and hear moving stories of the battle for this strategic plateau. We will also visit an Israeli observation point over the Syrian border at Mt. Bental. We continue to the ancient town of Katzrin where we will visit the "Olea Essence" Olive Oil Press, and the reconstructed Talmudic village of Katzrin. We finish the day with a view of ancient Kursi in the land of Gadarenes. Return to hotel for dinner.

Overnight: Tiberius/North (B, D)

DAY 5: THE GALILEE – BOAT RIDE, MOUNT OF BEATITUDES, CAPERNAUM, TABGHA AND THE YARDENIT BAPTISMAL SITE

After breakfast we start the day with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Next, we visit the Yigal Alon Museum in nearby Ginosar to view an ancient fishing vessel (The Jesus Boat) dating to the time of Jesus. The boat was retrieved in 1986 from the shores of the Sea of Galilee. We continue to the Mount of Beatitudes where we take in an incredible view from the place associated with the delivery of the Sermon on the Mount. We then tour the remains of Capernaum where Jesus preached and performed many of his miracles. We also visit Tabgha where we will stand on the shores of the Sea of Galilee and recount the events: “So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. And He took the seven loaves and the fish and gave thanks, broke them and gave them to His disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitude” (Matt. 15: 35-36).

We will follow in Jesus’s footsteps, from the place of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes, and travel to Magdala. In Magdala we will visit some of the most exciting archaeological discoveries in the Holy Land, including a synagogue dating back to the time of Jesus. Our final stop: the Yardenit Baptismal site in the Jordan River, where you will have the opportunity to be baptized or re-baptized. Return to hotel for dinner.

Overnight: Tiberius/North (B, D)

DAY 6: BEIT SHE’AN, CAESAREA, ELAH VALLEY AND JERUSALEM

After breakfast and hotel checkout, we visit Beit She’an and tour ancient Roman-Byzantine ruins. Passing by Mount Gilboa on which, “Saul took his own sword and fell on it.”(I Sam. 31: 4), we continue to the coastal plain to visit Caesarea, the capital of Judea during the Roman Period. Peter baptized Cornelius (Acts 10:24-28) in this port city built by Herod. As we climb into the Judean Hills we will stop in the Elah Valley, the site of David’s famous battle against Goliath. When we arrive in Jerusalem we have one of two options:

- Stop at an observation point on Mount Scopus to enjoy a magnificent view over the city. We will say the *Shehecheyanu* prayer, the traditional prayer that is said upon entering

Jerusalem, and celebrate the beginning of the Sabbath day in the Holy City, or

- Visit the striking and moving 9/11 Memorial nestled in the hills close to Jerusalem.

We check-in to our hotel for dinner.

Overnight: Jerusalem (B, D)

DAY 7: JERUSALEM AND BETHLEHEM

After breakfast, we take in a view from atop of the Mount of Olives of the Temple Mount and the vista of Jerusalem. We continue to the Garden of Gethsemane and to Mount Zion where we will visit the Upper Room and King David’s Tomb. We’ll also visit Jesus’s prison in the house of Caiaphas under the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, marking the place where Jesus’s prophecy was fulfilled: “It will happen today, in fact tonight. Before the rooster crows twice, you yourself will say three times that you don’t know me” (Mark 14:30). We then go to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity, Shepherds’ Field, and a local Christian family’s shop. Break for a traditional lunch on our own. Return to hotel for dinner.

Overnight: Jerusalem (B, D)

DAY 8: CAMEL RIDE, MASADA, QUMRAN AND THE DEAD SEA

After breakfast we go into the Judean Desert. We will stop for a short camel ride at Genesis Land, where guests experience life as it was in biblical times. We continue to Masada to tour this impressive fortress built by King Herod. Ascend to the top of the mountain by cable car and view the breathtaking vistas. Walk along the ruins and explore this ancient stronghold where Jewish zealots chose to end their lives rather than live under oppressive Roman rule following the destruction of the Second Temple in Jerusalem.

We will then stop at Ein Gedi where David found refuge from the wrath of King Saul (I Sam. 24), and at Qumran to see the remains of an ascetic religious community contemporary to Jesus, and the Qumran Caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. We conclude the day with a dip in the Dead Sea, the saltiest body of water in the world, before returning to the hotel for dinner.

Overnight: Jerusalem (B, D)

DAY 9: CITY OF DAVID AND THE OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM

Enjoy breakfast before we begin our day in the City of David (II Sam 5:1-12) – the birthplace of Jerusalem, conquered by King David 3,000 years ago – to view remains from ancient Jebusites up to the Herodian period. Walk underground through a Herodian water channel to the base of the Temple Mount. Tour the Southern Wall excavations (Davidson Center) and imagine how pilgrims walked to the Second Temple 2,000 years ago. We will visit the surrounding Ophel Archeology Gardens, one of the most significant archeological sites in the country.

Enjoy free time at the Western Wall for personal reflection before delving underground through the Western Wall tunnels. Continue to the pools of Bethesda where Jesus healed the paralyzed man (John 5), visit the Convent of the Sisters of Zion (Lithostrotos) and the Gabbatha Pavement on which Jesus was judged by Pilate (John 19:13). We continue our walk under the Ecce Homo Arch through the Via Dolorosa. According to the New Testament this is where Jesus was sentenced. We'll visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and time permitting, visit the Tower of David Museum, or climb on to the ramparts of the walls of Jerusalem where we can read from the Prophets. Return to hotel for dinner.

Overnight: Jerusalem (B, D)

DAY 10: JERUSALEM – YAD VASHEM, ISRAEL MUSEUM AND VOLUNTEERING

After breakfast we spend the morning at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum where a local scholar will guide us. We continue to the Israel Museum where we will see the Shrine of the Book, home to the Dead Sea Scrolls. We will also tour the museum's famous 21,520-square foot model of Jerusalem during the Second Temple Period.

After lunch there will be a volunteer project with Magen David Adom (MDA), Israel's national emergency medical, disaster, ambulance and blood bank service, or with another organization. Free time to explore and enjoy the energy of the Ben Yehuda pedestrian mall.

Overnight: Jerusalem (B, D)

DAY 11: COMMUNION AT THE GARDEN TOMB, TEL AVIV/JAFFA AND FAREWELL DINNER

Enjoy breakfast and a free morning for final shopping, followed by a visit to the Friends of Zion Museum (FZO). This unique museum portrays the story of the support for the Jewish people and nation of Israel by non-Jews, from the first Christian Zionists of the 19th century who encouraged Theodor Herzl, to those who played active roles in the establishment of the State of Israel. We conclude our time in Jerusalem with communion at the Garden Tomb. We continue to Tel Aviv – Jaffa where we will tour Old Jaffa and visit its galleries, before enjoying a special Farewell Dinner at a fabulous restaurant by the Mediterranean Sea before transferring to the airport.

Midnight flight back to the USA

DAY 12: ARRIVAL IN THE USA

Arrive back home in the USA

THIS GROUP PRICE QUOTE INCLUDES:

- Airfare to and from Israel from your group's selected departure city
- Group assistance by a representative of LBT who will meet your group at the airport upon arrival and help at departure from Ben Gurion Airport
- Private AC deluxe motor coach throughout your trip
- Nine (9) nights in the hotels selected by your group (Choice of Hotel plans range from 3* to 5*Deluxe)
- Ten (10) days of comprehensive sightseeing as per program led by expert government-licensed, English-speaking (or English/Spanish speaking if requested) professional tour guide (s)
- Bountiful Israeli breakfasts, and dinners daily including: Welcome Dinner, Traditional Shabbat Dinners, Farewell Dinner; and lunches only as specified
- All entrance fees to the sites visited during the group's sightseeing as per itinerary
- Tips to driver and guide, and restaurant and hotel staffs for included meals and hotels, and hotel and airport portorage fees
- Expert guest speaker if included in your itinerary

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